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O 062105Z DEC 77 ZFF-4 KINSHASHA

FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 9827

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (STAFFDEL BAKER)

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL BAKER

1. AS AZ 827 FOR KINSHASA WAS TAXYING FOR TAKEOFF AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT, ONE ENGINE APPARENTLY BLEW UP AND BURST INTO FLAMES. NO ONE WAS INJURED BUT FLIGHT WAS SCRUBBED. THERE ARE NO OTHER AVAILABLE FLIGHTS FOR STAFFDEL BAKER TONIGHT TO MAKE ONWARD CONNECTION TO LAGOS TOMORROW, DECEMBER 7.

2. NEW SCHEDULE HAS BAKER LEAVING AT 0810, DECEMBER 7, ON IB 966, TO ARRIVE IN KINSHASA AT 1045. SHE WILL HAVE TO STAY OVERNIGHT AND TRAVEL ONWARD AT 1825 HOURS DECEMBER 8 ON PA 191, ARRIVING IN LAGOS AT 2100 HOURS. SCHEDULED BUT NOT CONFIRMED, BAKER'S ONWARD TRAVEL FROM LAGOS WOULD BE LEAVING 0900 HOURS DECEMBER 11 ON WT 745; ARRIVING ABIDJAN 1040 HOURS; LEAVE ABIDJAN 0900 HOURS DECEMBER 12 ON RK 48; ARRIVING 1030 HOURS IN BAMAKO. TRAVEL ONWARD FROM BAMAKO WILL DEPEND ON SCHEDULE THERE.

3. FOR KINSHASA: STAFFDEL BAKER REGRETS UNAVOIDABLE AND UNFORTUNATE INCONVENIENCE THIS HAS CAUSED. NOW THAT SHE MUST STAY OVERNIGHT, SHE HOPES THAT EMBASSY MIGHT BE ABLE TO ARRANGE SOME SIGNIFICANT UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTACT FOR HER WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

4. FOR LAGOS: BAKER ALSO REGRETS INCONVENIENCE CAUSED. CAN LAGOS CONFIRM ONWARD FLIGHTS FOR BAKER TO BAMAKO?

5. FOR ABIDJAN: PLEASE ARRANGE HOTEL ROOM FOR NIGHT OF DECEMBER 11 AND ASSIST WITH TRANSPORTATION. WILL BAKER NEED VISA?

IF SO, CAN IT BE OBTAINED AT AIRPORT OR PERHAPS IN LAGOS?

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